

Weare Economic Development Committee Minutes - April 27, 2005

The meeting opened at 7:05pm

Present: Cheryl Elliott, Jim Thompson, Alice Morris, Heleen Kurt, Bob Christensen

Visitor: George Malette

The minutes were accepted as modified - the date was changed to 3-23-05.

Bob Christensen opened the discussion of the possibilities of block grant monies from the NH Community Development Finance Authority. Cheryl Elliott was given the available information to see if WEDC might be eligible and what needed to be done to apply.

The new meeting day will be the first Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be held June 1, 2005, at the Town Offices upstairs.

WEDC needs to review its by-laws. The Conservation Commission by-laws can serve as an excellent example. Alice is to work at revising the WEDC by-laws. Jim will speak with Tom Carr about our using the CC by-laws as a starting point. WEDC should check out "Knowing the Territory" put out by the Local Government Center.

The Municipal Leadership Forum is meeting May 12. All members of WEDC should attend if possible. See Jim Thompson for details.

Check the town web site for the Master Plan's Community Vision and Goals. WEDC should obtain a map of suggested zoning. George Malette commented that the Southern NH Planning Commission has some excellent maps which would be useful in our work.

Report on new businesses in town: Coming soon, the expansion of Cold Springs, and a sub shop nearby.

Nothing new to report on a possible supermarket in town.

The Planning Board is considering doing a Cost of Services Study. Milford has done one. It shows that every new house costs the town \$1700. Of various other options, open space cost the least.

Chamber activities - The map/guide is still a work in progress. The chamber will be underwriting town concerts again this summer.

WEDC activities/goals for 2005

Identification of potential land for commercial development, while working with

Open Space and Conservation Committees

Identification of potential businesses for commercial areas, especially supermarket

and medical.

Working with Planning Board on changes to commercial rules, in part to keep the

rural character of Weare

George Malette brought up the subject of a town Appreciation Day for Volunteers. There was a brief discussion on how, when, and who pays. The subject will need to be discussed with many more people, committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45

Minutes prepared by Alice Morris.